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In re Application of:)
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Gupta et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/378,596)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above referenced patent application. Please amend the above identified application as follows and consider the following remarks for allowance of the above identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN (UNMARKED) COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) A method for automatic synthesis of a register file and functional unit-

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